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Dear Sir:

In response to the initial, non-final Office Action mailed June 7, 2002, please amend the
above identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

14. (Amended) A needle protective device comprising:

- (a) an elongate needle having proximal and distal ends and a change in axis
formed intermediate said proximal and distal ends;